

Following a Work Session, the Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Simillion, Stone, and Smits present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Hanson, Community Development Director Westbay, several interested citizens and the press. Having notified Council at the last Regular and Work Session meetings, Councilor Duba was absent. WSC Intern Johnston was absent due to illness.

**Consideration of Minutes:****Regular Session Minutes of November 9, 2004.**

Councilor Simillion moved and Councilor Stone seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of November 9, 2004 as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.  
Roll call vote, abstain: Smits. He was absent from the meeting.  
Roll call vote, no: None.

**Special Session Minutes of November 16, 2004.**

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Simillion seconded the motion to approve the Special Session minutes of November 16, 2004, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Simillion. So carried.  
Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:**

**Update on 2004 Farmers' Market – Seth Lorsen.** Mr. Lorsen informed Council the market attracted an average of 9 vendors per week. The organizers considered it a success and received favorable feedback from the vendors and customers and they had good reactions to the special events they held. They estimate they raised around \$1,000 in tax revenue over the summer. Since the growing season is so short in Gunnison, the market had to rely on farmers from the North Fork Valley and the Salida areas. Another problem was the shortage of funds for advertising and signage that would help promote the market. The organizers are formulating some new rules and regulations that they hope will help the consistency in the number of vendors they draw every week. The organizers would like to continue next year, although Mr. Lorsen may not be in the area. He is actively soliciting a replacement and is going to approach the Chamber or Gunnison Main Street to see if they are interested in undertaking the project. Council also suggested contacting the "Top of the World Garden Club" to see if they were interested in the project.

Council thanked Mr. Lorsen and the Market organizers for their report and the work they put into the market and wished the market good luck in the future.

Butch Clark came forward and addressed Council. Mr. Clark reviewed the prosperity and success of farmers' markets in Europe and the possibilities of different plants that could be successful in the Gunnison Valley. He felt it would take years to firmly establish the market but that it would be well worth the effort.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Proposed 2005 City Budget.** Finance Director Hanson reported there were no changes to the proposed budget at this time.

**New Business:**

**License Agreement Application from Bank of the West, 201 N. Main Street, for Sign Projecting Over City Sidewalk.** This item was discussed in the Work Session prior to the Regular Session.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Smits seconded the motion to approve the License Agreement Application from Bank of the West, 201 N. Main Street, for a sign projecting over the City sidewalk with the following conditions:

- The sign shall be maintained by the licensee;

- The dimension and structure of the sign shall not be changed without a new sign permit application submitted to the Community Development Department; and
- The licensee shall have the existing sign structure assessed by a Colorado State registered professional engineer for wind load and live load and general structural integrity. The engineer shall submit a report to the City of Gunnison Community Development Department describing its structural competency. If the engineer of record identifies structural problems, mitigation measures shall be described in the report. The Community Development Director shall be authorized to order the removal of the sign.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Simillion, Stone. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No. 14, Series 2004, Re: Setting a Tax Levy for the City of Gunnison, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

Councilor Stone introduced Ordinance No. 14, Series 2004, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Stone stated the tax levy is being set at 3.868 mills for the General Fund and this reflects no change from the past many years.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Simillion seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 14, Series 2004, **AN ORDINANCE SETTING A TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 23rd day of November, 2004.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance No. 15, Series 2004, Re: Adopting and Appropriating the 2005 Annual City Budget.**

Councilor Stone introduced Ordinance No. 15, Series 2004, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney, including the following fund amounts:

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| • General Fund           | \$ 7,415,079 |
| • Enterprise Fund        | \$ 6,547,667 |
| • Fleet Management Fund  | \$ 363,500   |
| • Special Revenue Fund   | \$ 166,001   |
| • Insurance Reserve Fund | \$ 6,700     |
| • For a total budget of  | \$14,498,947 |

Councilor Simillion moved and Councilor Smits seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 15, Series 2004, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING AN ANNUAL BUDGET**, by introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2004.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to report.

**City Manager: Mark Collins.** 1. Reminded Council the FCI thank you barbeque is tomorrow at 11:30 A.M. 2. In good news, the Metropolitan Recreation District Board has tentatively agreed to grant funds for the climbing wall at the Community Center. They would like to fund the project over two years. The City and/or community would then try to fundraise the additional \$15,000 for the automatic belay system on the wall. 3. In more good news, the City has received word an additional appropriation of grant funds, totaling over \$89,000 from the

Department of Local Affairs Energy Impact Fund, has been approved and is awaiting the signature of the Board Director. These funds are to help cover escalating construction materials costs. We are hoping to receive confirmation the first of next week. 4. A representative from Mountain States Employers Council met individually with employees last week and reviewed the proposed compensation plan. The meetings were well received by the employees and Staff hopes to have a presentation ready for Council on December 7<sup>th</sup>. 5. The City Manager publicly thanked Finance Director Hanson and her Staff for their work on this year's proposed budget. Council concurred in appreciation.

**Acting City Manager: Finance Director Wendy Hanson – Departmental Report.** Director Hanson asked if Council had any questions regarding her report placed in their packets. Councilor Smits asked if there could be more tracking of follow-up reports by entities receiving Contracts for Services. Director Hanson stated they would be tracking those reports more closely in 2005.

**City Clerk: Gail Davidson.** Asked City Council if they had any agenda items for next Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, and if Council has no agenda items, the meeting can be canceled. Council consensus was to cancel the meeting.

**WSC Intern: Matt Johnston.** Was absent due to illness.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**General Discussion/Items for Work Session:**

**Mayor Ferguson: Report on Meeting with Colorado Council for the Arts Representatives.** The meeting took place on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Councilor Smits attended as well. The City will be receiving follow-up documentation on the tie-in between the arts and economic development issues. There will be a conference this spring about that issue and the GVEDC will be notified about the meeting.

**Councilor Smits: Report on November 18, Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.** At the meeting, Director Westbay presented hypothetical scenarios of where a big box store could be located in the City based on land use issues. There are only a few places available in the City. There was also a report on the progress on the Master Plan review.

**Councilors Simillion and Stone:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** 7:36 P.M.

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